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All persons are by nature free and independent, and have certain natural and unalienable rights, among which are those of enjoying and defending life and liberty, of acquiring, possessing, and protecting property, and of obtaining safety and happiness.

-- Article 1, Section 1, New Jersey State Constitution

Communism's Long March Through the Institutions Has Succeeded

By Barbara Kay

Karl Marx was convinced that his revolution to save the world would be realized by the workers of the world. They would throw off the shackles of capitalism, voluntarily inventing socialist utopias joined in solidarity.

That never happened. It seemed the workers of the world were more interested in the possibility of becoming rich themselves. Thus, socialist dystopias run by ideological thugs became Marx' political legacy.

Italian communist Antonio Gramsci (1893-1937) recognized a smarter, non-violent way to achieve socialism's triumph: "Capture the Culture." According to the conservative public intellectual Richard Grenier, "Culture, Gramsci felt, is not simply the superstructure of an economic base – the role assigned to it in orthodox Marxism – but is essential to society." Andrew Breitbart neatly condensed this to "Politics is downstream from culture."

The collapse of the Soviet Union discredited Lenin's bayonet-forward version of socialism, but it did not deter the triumph of Marxist doctrine via the "long march through the institutions" that Gramsci prescribed. Gramsci's acolytes became the "tenured radicals" of the universities who have indoctrinated the children of America into their pernicious belief system.

As these students graduated and made their way up their professional ladders, every one of the institutions we have been trained to trust – education, physical and health, media, the arts, sports, the bar – has been infected with what Grenier identified as the "politics of intent" as opposed to the politics of achievement.

True believers in the politics of intent assume that if their intentions are noble, their hearts pure, their compassion boundless (for those designated as oppressed), their ideals lofty, then they can't be held responsible for any negative consequences that flow from the policies their pious intentions inspire. They reject any suggestion that it is their ideas that have paved the way to social disruption, injustice to innocent bystanders, or even tragedy on a critical scale. Those who dare to publicly connect those dots are routinely shamed or "cancelled."

The most effective capture-the-culture tool is domination over language. Ideologues know that we can't have dominion over our ideas if we don't have dominion over our words. We literally don't know what we think unless we are able to speak without self-censorship.

No bayonets are required to internalize first uncertainty and then fear of speaking freely, but the impulse to implant the fear is nevertheless totalitarian. Totalitarians, whether of the terrorist or velvet variety, know that fear of speaking freely eventually inhibits the ability to discern actual truth from ideological "truth" or even facts.... -- The Epoch Times December 30, 2020

Detroit Files 'Civil Conspiracy' Suit Against BLM Activists

In an attempt to discourage the continued assault by ideologically based activist groups, the City of Detroit has filed a lawsuit against the activists of the Black Lives Matter movement.

Detroit officials sued BLM alleging a "civil conspiracy" and that protests "have repeatedly turned violent, endangering the lives of police and the public."

The lawsuit charges that the conspiracy "defamed" the mayor and law enforcement, and the city should be awarded damages.

The plaintiff cites four protests that occurred in Detroit during 2020 and contends that law enforcement officers sustained injuries that included "cracked vertebrae, lacerations, and concussions," according to a Detroit Police Department report.

City officials hope that the documentation of the repeated violence will nullify claims by a BLM affiliate group, Detroit Will Breathe, that the demonstrations should be protected under the First Amendment.

The lawsuit is a counter claim to a lawsuit filed by activists in late August that alleged police officers "repeatedly responded with violence" when protesters took part in mass demonstrations.

The move has infuriated race-baiting critics, including US Rep. Rashida Tlaib (D-MI), who, in an op-ed in the Detroit Free Press, blasted the city's counter claim as "an unthinkable assault on our constitutional rights."

James Craig, the city's police chief, is on record as stating his officers never used force against any peaceful protesters.

"If someone is resisting arrest, or trying to attack our officers," Craig said, "we will use the force that's both reasonable and necessary to overcome the resistance...We don't want the protesters injured, and we don't want officers injured, either."

BLM activists have responded to the city's lawsuit by begging for support from national legal groups and by asking sympathetic City Council members to cut off funding for the legal action.

-- nationalfile.com December 25, 2020

Phoenix denies BLM street mural after request for a pro-police mural

The city of Phoenix was considering allowing a Black Lives Matter mural to be painted, until they received a request for a massive pro-police mural "no one is above the law", and instead denied them both.

-- The Blaze September 14, 2020

France to press on with law on 'unrepublican' behaviour

PARIS (Reuters) - France's government decided on Wednesday to press ahead with a law it says will crack down on practices that go against the values of the French Republic, such as forced marriage and virginity tests, though opponents say it risks alienating some Muslims.

The debate around the law has become more charged since the Oct. 16 beheading of schoolteacher Samuel Paty by a man who said he wanted to punish the teacher for showing cartoons of the Prophet Mohammad in a civics class on free speech.

French officials say there is a need to sanction behaviour which they say is not explicitly criminal but is out of step with the values of the French state.

The proposed law includes tougher measures against online apologists for acts of violence, the risk of expulsion for foreign nationals with multiple wives, and checks on anyone who educates their child outside mainstream schools.

Officials deny the proposed law targets Islam or Muslims.

Jean-Luc Mélenchon, leader of left-wing opposition party La France Insoumise, said: "We don't accept the stigmatisation of Muslims that this draft contains." -- December 9, 2020

Here's What America's Largest Ammo Manufacturer Has to Say About the Shortage

By Beth Baumann

All across the country, Americans are on the hunt for ammunition for self-defense, target practice, shooting sports or hunting. Sporting goods stores and mom and pop businesses have had to severely limit how much ammo a person can buy at one time. Some

have limited ammo solely to those who are purchasing a new firearm.

Rumors have swirled about Vista Outdoors, the parent company of Federal, Remington, CCI, and Speer Ammunition. Some have said that Vista Outdoors has ceased manufacturing ammo altogether while others have insisted the company is picking and choosing who to sell ammo to.

Vista Outdoors' President of Ammunition, Jason Vanderbrink, decided to address – and squash – the rumors once and for all.

"I am tired of all the hate mail. I am tired of people showing up at our factories. I'm tired of reading the misinformation out on the Internet right now about us not trying to service the demand that we're experiencing," Vanderbrink explained. "... We've hired hundreds of employees, all I hear is that we're not making ammunition."

He broke down the realities of the shortage, something he calls "basic economics."

"Seven million new shooters since March, times two boxes, which is a conservative estimate, is 700 million rounds of ammunition our factories have to help produce," he explained. "That is impossible to do in nine months."

Not only does the company have to find, hire and train manufacturing employees, materials have to be sourced. On top of that, the company is dealing with the Wuhan coronavirus pandemic as well.

"We are indeed making ammunition. We are shipping ammunition. We're not storing it in secret warehouses," Vanderbrink stated.

The company executive said all three of the plants are producing ammo as quickly as possible.

Vanderbrink stated the company has produced more hunting ammo – especially in 30-06 – this year than ever before. The other calibers in high demand are .22LR and 9mm. According to Vanderbrink, Vista Outdoors has never seen such a high demand for 9mm.

Ammo shortages happen every few years, especially during presidential elections. In 2012 Second Amendment-loving Americans were concerned about the possibility of a President Hillary Clinton. What did they do? Bought guns and stocked up on ammo. The same thing happened this year, in part because of a Biden-Harris ticket, and also because of the pandemic. Americans spent more time outside, hunting, fishing and recreating. And guess what? In order to bag a buck you need ammo (assuming you are using a firearm). Every month we have seen record-breaking new numbers of gun owners. In order for those folks to feel confident in their ability to protect themselves, they are buying ammo and hitting the range. They are also keeping a stash for self-defense.

While it can often feel frustrating to not see ammunition in stock, give these guys a break. They are working hard to meet demand. They are running on all cylinders in the middle of a pandemic that frequently shuts down manufacturing plants and warehouses. This is also a great reminder to be prepared and buy

extra ammo so you won't be out when things are scarce. – townhall.com December 20, 2020

After Colluding with Biden, BATFE Raids Polymer80

U.S.A. -(AmmoLand.com)- On December 10, agents from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives raided Dayton, Nev.-based Polymer80. The company manufactures unfinished, often referred to as 80 percent, receivers, and frames. There are also reports of BATFE confronting Polymer80 customers and confiscating certain unfinished frame kits. The move marks the first direct assault on unfinished frames and receivers since the news broke in November of collusion between BATFE and Biden's transition team to target these items by executive fiat.

On November 10, gun rights activist John Crump published a piece for Ammoland.com with details of a leaked BATFE conference call in which BATFE Acting Director Regina Lombardo and Associate Deputy Director Marvin Richardson participated.

According to the article, "Acting Director Regina Lombardo told those in attendance that the anti-gun Biden transition team has reached out to the ATF to get the agency's 'top priorities.'" The item went on to note that "Lombardo told those on the call that her priorities would be pistol braces and 80% lower receivers."

Polymer80 repeatedly sent its products to BATFE's Firearms Technology Industry Services Branch (FTISB) to ensure their products comply with federal law. On their website, Polymer80 hosts BATFE determination letters for several of its products.

In a 2017 determination letter for one of Polymer80's most popular products, the PF940C unfinished pistol frame, BATFE explained, "As a result of this FTISB evaluation, the submitted 'PF940C' is not sufficiently complete to be classified as the frame or receiver of a firearm and thus is not a 'firearm' as defined in the [Gun Control Act]."

Other Polymer80-BATFE determination letters concerning various unfinished frames or receivers date back to the Obama administration in 2015.

According to reports, BATFE raided Polymer80 due to its sale of what the company calls its "Buy Build Shoot" kits. These kits contain a Polymer80 unfinished pistol frame along with other parts necessary to complete a pistol. Despite its previous acknowledgment that the unfinished frame is not a firearm, BATFE has taken the position that when the unfinished frame is packaged with other non-firearm parts the entire package becomes a "firearm" for the purposes of federal law.

Of further concern is that BATFE seized customer records from Polymer80 during the raid and that the agency had previously obtained some customer records from third-party shipping service Stamps.com. Since the raid, there have been reports of BATFE confronting Polymer80 customers about their purchases.

Gun rights supporters should interpret BATFE's increasingly dubious interpretations of federal law and their resulting enforcement actions as indicative of the peril gun owners will face under a Biden administration and prepare for political action accordingly. NRA is continuing to monitor this developing situation and is taking action to confront this BATFE abuse. – December 17, 2020

The Marine Corps Has Started Fielding 30,000 Rifle Suppressors to Combat Units

After years of planning, Marines are finally getting their hands on small arms suppressors aimed at helping combat units avoid detection while firing on enemy positions.

Marine Corps Systems Command began fielding the first 13,700 Knight's Armament Company suppressors designed for M4 and M4A1 carbines and M27 automatic rifles to Camp Lejeune, NC. The command hopes to field approximately 30,000 of the devices by fiscal year 2023.

Infantry weapons create an incredible amount of noise on the battlefield, but adding suppressors helps muffle their "audible and visual signature, making it more difficult for the enemy to ascertain their location," Chief Warrant Officer 4 David Tomlinson, MCSC's infantry weapons officer, said in the release.

"I would say the most important thing the suppressor does is allow for better inter-squad, inter-platoon communication," Tomlinson said. "It allows the operators to communicate laterally up and down the line during a firefight."

Marine officials also hope the suppressors will help reduce hearing damage suffered by Marines in combat units.

Marines identified the benefits of suppressors in 2016, when a battalion from the 2nd Marine Division suppressed its individual and crew-served weapons during a Warfighting Lab experiment.

Special operations units across the services have long used a wide variety of commercial suppressors in combat. Marine commanders have requested suppressors, arguing that they will increase the effectiveness of their units on the battlefield.

News of the suppressor fielding has created a groundswell of excitement among the Marine units receiving them, Tomlinson said. – military.com December 29, 2020

The Army Is Pursuing a Device That Can Turn Battlefield Ditch Water into Lifesaving IV Fluid

The U.S. Army has teamed up with a Colorado-based research firm to create a briefcase-sized device that medics can use to transform even "ditch water" into intravenous fluid -- a life-saving battlefield necessity for treating wounded soldiers.

Battalion aid stations and combat medics use one-liter IV bags filled with lactated Ringer's solution: a

sterile fluid made to treat dehydration and deliver medicines into wounded or injured soldiers.

Resupplying isolated units on the battlefield with medical necessities such as blood and IV solution will be a constant challenge, officials have said.

As a possible fix to this problem, U.S. Army Medical Materiel Development Activity has been working with TDA Research to create the Lactated Ringer's Solution Generator. The portable 11 pound device can transform any groundwater source into a one-liter bag of the solution in roughly six minutes, Girish Srinivas, CEO of TDA Research, told Military.com.

"The source water flows through this device and there is [a lactated Ringer's] concentrate that is injected and the source water ends up going through filters into an IV bag and ends up making the correct concentration of LR in IV bags," Srinivas said.

The Army has repeatedly stressed that the future battlefield will require units to operate farther apart, isolated from any kind of support.

Earlier in the fall, officials at Fort Benning, Georgia tested "promising" new versions of commercial quadcopters capable of carrying ammunition, water and other supplies to forward units.

But the LR Solution Generator is not yet ready, Srinivas said, adding that it will likely be "one to two years" before it's ready for fielding.-- military.com December 31, 2020

No charges for police in death of 'boogaloo' movement martyr

COLLEGE PARK, Md. (AP) — Maryland prosecutors on Thursday ruled out criminal charges against a police officer who fatally shot a man March 12 during a predawn raid, a killing that galvanized a loose network of anti-government extremists this year.

Duncan Lemp's family says the 21-year-old was sleeping in his bed next to his girlfriend when a Montgomery County police officer opened fire. Prosecutors concluded that Lemp pointed a rifle at the officer.

Family attorney Rene Sandler said the report reveals that no body camera videos captured the shooting and that there was no evidence that Lemp's gun had been fired.

The shooting turned Lemp into a martyr for a loose network of gun-toting, anti-government extremists promoting the "boogaloo," a slang term for a second civil war or collapse of civilization.

The nascent boogaloo movement has been linked to a string of domestic terrorism plots and has been promoted by white supremacists, but many supporters insist they're not truly advocating for violence. "Boogaloo" derives from the name of a 1980s-era movie sequel.

On an internet forum My Militia, a user identifying himself as Duncan Lemp said he was "an active III%r and looking for local members & recruits."

That's an apparent reference to the Three Percenters, a wing of the militia movement.

Detectives obtained the no-knock warrant to search Lemp's home after receiving an anonymous tip that he illegally possessed firearms, police said.

A "confidential source" told investigators in February that Lemp was involved in the Three Percenters and had made "anti-police" statements in the past, prosecutors said.

Less than a month before the shooting, Lemp said in a text message that he was "packing 24/7 but you know of course that has consequences."

"I really do feel the boog though," he added. "I might not survive to see it but I'm confident my brothers will."

Lemp's parents don't believe he was part of any extremist movement.

The officer who fatally shot Lemp was placed on administrative leave, a standard procedure.

Lemp's bedroom had an exterior door where authorities found a "booby trap" affixed to the frame, designed to fire a shotgun shell at anyone entering the room from outside the home, according to police.

Police detectives recovered three rifles and two handguns from the home.

Robinson's attorney, Cary Hansel, believes Howard County prosecutors "cherry-picked" secret grand jury testimony to cite in their report. Hansel called on the state's attorney to publicly release all of the testimony and evidence they presented to the grand jury.

"The two issues are: What charges if any were presented to the grand jury, and then what decision if any did the grand jury make?" he asked.

-- December 31, 2020

NJ Appeals court: Passenger in vehicle pulled over for traffic violations was under no duty to identify himself to police

By John Paff

*In a free society, citizens are not subject to arbitrary commands to "show their papers," or prove their identity. That was the fate of African-Americans who had to show their "free papers" during slavery, and the fate of Jews who had to show identification papers in the Warsaw Ghetto. * * * To permit law enforcement officers to ask for and to check out passenger identification under these circumstances opens a door to the type of indiscriminate, oppressive, fearsome authoritarian practices and tactics of those in power that the Fourth Amendment was designed to prohibit.*
Judge Mitchel E. Ostrer

The above is quoted from New Jersey Superior Court, Appellate Division Judge Mitchel E. Ostrer in his concurrence to the court's December 30, 2020 opinion in State v. James J. Kerns, Docket No. A-4731-17T1. In that case (which is unpublished and thus, non-precedential), a three-judge panel ruled that a passenger in a vehicle lawfully stopped for traffic violations was under no duty to identify himself to State Troopers. The court held that the Trooper's "persistent efforts to ascertain [the passenger's identity] violated

[his] right to be free from an unreasonable search or seizure, because it prolonged the stop without furthering its traffic-related mission, and was not independently supported by reasonable and articulable suspicion of wrongdoing.”

-- transparencynj.com/2021/01/01

Commentary by a New Jersey attorney: The fact that a New Jersey Appellate Division opinion is unpublished means two things, and is important for other reasons.

First, the opinion is not binding on judges sitting in the Appellate Division (which hears all civil and criminal appeals) and is not binding on judges sitting in counties outside of Warren County. It is arguably binding on other trial court judges sitting in Warren County.

Second, while lawyers can cite this case in their written arguments to courts, courts cannot cite to this case.

However, the opinion is important because, first, it represents a good collection of published caselaw that can be used by lawyers or defendants in similar future cases. Second, it gives insight into Judge Ostrer's sense of what the law is or what it should be. Judge Ostrer is very highly regarded, and seasoned defense lawyers will use Judge Ostrer's concurring opinion to perhaps persuade other judges in similar cases to rule similarly, or to urge Judge Ostrer to further develop these thoughts in subsequent published opinions. Third, often times legal concepts and arguments are developed in unpublished opinions that become the foundation for future published opinions.

One Year After Attack, Jewish Community Embraces Self-Defense

By Cam Edwards

It was December 28th, 2019 when a disturbed man entered a home in Monsey, New York where folks were gathering for a Hanukkah celebration and used a knife to stab five attendees. In the months since, one of the victims died from his injuries, the attacker has managed to avoid federal charges on the basis of his mental condition, and many members of the Jewish community in Monsey have embraced their Second Amendment rights.

According to *Forward*, a number of Monsey residents have applied for a gun license in the wake of the stabbing attack, including a 28-year old named Abe, who says there's been a sea change in attitudes towards armed self-defense among his friends and neighbors.

In the two weeks after the stabbing attack, 31 Monsey residents applied for a gun license, and many others have submitted their applications in recent months, though some of them are still stuck in a legal limbo waiting to be approved. Yet another example of why New York's gun control laws are an unconstitutional infringement on the right to keep and bear arms. Is Yaakov Rosenberg a more dangerous person if he carries his legally-owned firearm in

Manhattan instead of Monsey? Of course not, but NYC's draconian gun laws prevent him (and everyone else without a rarely-granted NYC carry permit) from protecting themselves in the city where anti-semitic attacks have been on the rise.

Self-defense is a human right, and I'm glad to see so many men and women in the Jewish community taking steps to be able to protect themselves from an attack. I just hope that in 2021 we'll see the Supreme Court weigh in on the right to carry so that anti-gun jurisdictions like New York City can no longer infringe on our rights to keep and bear arms in defense of ourselves and our loved ones.

-- bearingarms.com December 31, 2020

When can you shoot someone?

By Alan Korwin

Basically, in most states (they're all a little different, you need to know your own): "It is justifiable ('legal') to use deadly force to defend your life, if you reasonably believe you face an immediate risk of death or serious bodily injury, you had absolutely nothing to do with creating the risk, and you have no other option." In other words, you are in a place where you had every right to be and you did not instigate the imminent assault in any way. And, the people evaluating the situation (police, witnesses, judge, jury, prosecutors, media, neighbors, friends, relatives yes relatives) believe that's the case *whether it's true or not...*

Keep in mind that if you drop the hammer, there's a chance you will spend your life's savings defending yourself in court.

My book on the subject, *After You Shoot: Your Gun's Hot. The Perp's Not. Now What?* can be summarized in simple lay terms. Here it is:

If innocent life doesn't immediately depend on it, don't shoot. And if it does, don't miss.

Remember, after you shoot you'll bear the Mark of Cain for the rest of your days. Everyone will wonder whether your shoot was truly legit, or they'll buy you drinks forever. You'll never stop asking yourself if you could have avoided it somehow. And there's rule number one (there are a lot of rules number one):

It's always better to avoid a gunfight than to win one.

-- The Bill of Rights Sentinel, The Voice of Jews for the Preservation of Firearms Ownership, Vol. 1, No. 21

Review: After You Shoot: Your Gun's Hot. The Perp's Not. Now What?

By Alan Korwin

Dial 911 and fry. You're gasping for air. You just stopped a would-be murderer cold with your sidearm four rounds to the chest. Do you have the right to remain silent? Then how do you dial 911 and talk to a police voice recorder? How do you make that call and not say anything? According to criminal-defense attorneys, half of all convictions for self-defense incidents rely on frantic traumatized 911 tapes. As a bonus, the media will air your voice nationwide for

weeks. That can't be right. Do you have the right to have an attorney prior to and during any questioning? What about your precious Fifth Amendment rights against self-incrimination? How do you make a 911 call and protect your rights? You cannot. When you call 911 after saving your life with gunfire, you are giving up the crucial life-saving rights you think you have. And that is wrong. The dangerous snare of 911 recordings is built into the American self-defense system and no one has looked at it hard until now. After *You Shoot* lights up this overlooked problem and provides common-sense, workable solutions to these horrors vicious traps that threaten every gun owner and innocent crime victim in America. More than 70 experts contributed to the ideas presented here, the "common wisdom" that floats around is examined, and five specific solutions to the problem are provided, including the controversial Adnarim statement. Don't help convict yourself. Read *After You Shoot*.
-- Amazon book blurb

Socialism: The Failed Idea That Never Dies

Institute for Economic Affairs, London 2019
Reviewed by Dr Rainer Zitelmann

Over the past hundred years, there have been more than two dozen attempts to build a socialist society. It has been tried in the Soviet Union, Yugoslavia, Albania, Poland, Vietnam, Bulgaria, Romania, Czechoslovakia, North Korea, Hungary, China, East Germany, Cuba, Tanzania, Benin, Laos, Algeria, South Yemen, Somalia, the Congo, Ethiopia, Cambodia, Mozambique, Angola, Nicaragua and Venezuela, among others. All of these attempts have ended in varying degrees of failure.

"How can an idea, which has failed so many times, in so many different variants and so many radically different settings, still be so popular?" (p. 21)

This is the central question asked by this extremely important book from economist Kristian Niemietz. He answers his question in one sentence:

"It is because socialists have successfully managed to distance themselves from those examples." (p. 55)

As soon as you confront socialists with examples of failed experiments, they always respond: "These examples don't prove anything at all! In fact, none of these are true socialist models."

The latest example of socialism's failings is Venezuela, which just a few years ago was being hailed by leading intellectuals and left-wing politicians as a model for "Socialism of the 21st Century."

As late as June 2015, when the failure of the socialist experiment in Venezuela was already evident, British Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn repeated:

'When we celebrate – and it is a cause for celebration – the achievements of Venezuela, in jobs, in housing, in health, in education, but above all, its role in the whole world as a completely different place, then we do that because we recognize what they have achieved, and how they're trying to achieve it.' (p. 246)

Niemietz shows that even mass murderers such as Josef Stalin and Mao Zedong were enthusiastically celebrated by leading intellectuals. These intellectuals were not outsiders but renowned writers and scholars, as Niemietz demonstrates with numerous examples. Even the concentration camps in the Soviet Union, the Gulags, were admired:

A then-well-known American writer explained: "The labor camps have won high reputation throughout the Soviet Union as places where tens of thousands of men have been reclaimed." (p. 72)

Niemietz writes, "Western intellectuals had lavishly heaped praise on China when millions of Chinese people were starving or worked to death in forced labour camps. But when a programme of relative liberalisation lifted millions of people out of poverty, those intellectuals were conspicuous by their silence. Market-based reform programmes, no matter how successful, will never inspire pilgrimages." (p. 110-111)

Nowadays, Western socialists do not even attempt to oppose real-world capitalism with historical examples of socialism. Instead, they put forward arguments based on the vague utopia of a "just" society. Sometimes, they cite "Nordic socialism"—i.e. the variant of socialism that emerged in countries like Sweden—as an example, although they completely forget that the Nordic countries, having learned from their failed socialist experiments, have abandoned the socialist path. Today—despite having higher taxes—they are no less capitalist than, for example, the U.S.

In the author's place, I would have dealt explicitly with "democratic socialism," which has also always failed miserably. After all, the policies pursued by socialists in Great Britain and some high-profile members of the Democratic Party in the United States, namely very high taxation on the rich and a high level of state regulation of the economy, has certainly also been seen before in democratic countries, including Sweden and Great Britain in the 1970s. But even these experiments, despite not ending in totalitarian rule or even mass murder, were catastrophic for the economy and led to stubborn declines in prosperity.

Despite the numerous examples of capitalist economic policies leading to greater prosperity—and the failure of every single variant of socialism that has ever been tested under real-world conditions—many people still seem incapable of learning the most obvious lessons. – <https://fee.org> August 31, 2019

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